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Re: RM-8648

Dear Mr. Caton,

I feel very strongly that the FCC should give serious consideration to Apple's petition for an NII band in order to allocate spectrum in the 5 GHz band - to establish a wireless component of the National Information Infrastructure. I believe it is critical that the public be assured of access to a technology that can all too easily be monopolized and controlled.

I realize that the issue is becoming increasingly complex with competing interests only making the situation seem more overwhelming. In the event of a bandwidth, it is absolutely essential that public access be a priority.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration,

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Dear Commissioner Ness and the FCC:

Thanks you for opening comment to email. I represent The National Public Telecomputing Network (NPTN), a nonprofit corporation based in Cleveland, Ohio, that serves as the parent organization to the family of Free-Net(R) community computer network systems. NPTN launched its Rural Information Network (RIN) program in the Spring of 1994 and has since built over five RIN Free-Net systems. This Summer NPTN will be working with local volunteers to build thirty (30) more RIN systems via a grant from the NTIA-TIIAP'94 award cycle. Although some of these systems will have a direct connection to the Internet, most will be using UUCP or wireless.

Internet connectivity is often the one aspect of a community network that prevents it from starting because it is either too expensive or simply unavailable. If the FCC were to take away public spectrum, rural communities and other areas where wireless may have valuable applications for community networks would be left with one less option. More critically, many regions of this country will simply not have Internet pipe laid out to them because of the lack of consumer density and the high cost of installation. Wireless is the best option and often the only choice in these environments. If telcom reform is about more choice for the average consumer and less regulation, then wireless access should not be changed and should remain available to the public. If any change were to occur, I suggest that the wattage allowance (currently 1 watt - no pun intended) be increased so as to increase the range of the transmitting devices. Doing so would enable systems to operate with less equipment or to cover more distance with the same amount of equipment. Transmission equipment of the wireless nature is very expensive and if the regulatory environment encouraged its use, prices would be likely to drop and the quality of the equipment would rise.

Should you have any questions regarding my comments I would be more than happy to make myself available to answer them. Also, if any hearings are planned for this matter I would be happy to testify.

Thank you,

Peter

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This e-mail is being sent in support of the NII concept.

The necessity for a public access portion of the wireless communication frequency is well demonstrated by major teleco and cable companies huge investment in this emerging technology. They recognize the unlimited profit potential and want to make sure they get as much as possible. The existence of a public access wireless communication frequency - free of any license or use fees - would be a major equalizer for the lowly consumer. Without such option, we would all be forced into subscribing to a wireless carrier and pay the going rate for such service. A case in point is the openness of the long distance network. Before, AT&T could charge whatever they wanted. Now, with open access to LD, prices have reduced substantially. Public assess wireless would have the same effect.

I fully support the NII concept and hope that, in the interest of fair and universal access, that a portion of the wireless frequencies would be made available for that purpose.

Thank you for your time and interest.

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